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In re Application of: Satoshi OHTA; Takayoshi AOYAMA;

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 5, 2002, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 5, paragraph 4, bridging Page 6, paragraph 1:

As shown in Figs. 2 to 4, the latch 8 includes an engagement portion 8d that engages with a coil spring 11, or an urging member. In the same manner, the first ratchet

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